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Janklow Deploys Inmates to Help Sinai, Elkton and Oldham Residents Clean-Up Following Storm

(Pierre) - Governor Bill Janklow has called in 245 state prison inmates to assist with clean-up efforts in Sinai, Elkton and Oldham following a weekend storm.

One hundred inmates from Unit C of the Jameson Annex of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, one hundred inmates from the Yankton Trusty Unit and forty-five inmates from the Redfield Trusty Unit have been deployed to the three communities.

This is the eighth time this year and the third time in the past week that Janklow has sent inmate crews to assist South Dakotan's in emergency situations. Inmates now have been used in twenty-three Disaster Response Team efforts in the past eight years. Inmates have worked more than 72-thousand hours on those projects.

Inmate crews have also worked more than 17-thousand hours as certified firefighters on twenty-one wildfires and forest fires in the state during the past year alone.

For more information on the various work performed by inmates, visit our website at: http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/inmate_work.htm.